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THE ENERGY CHASM

Trump, AI, and the Engineering of the New Global Order

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THE DISTRACTION

THE REALITY

“The largest supply disruption in oil market history... equal to the 70s twin oil shocks and the fallout from the Ukraine war combined.”

— Fatih Birol, Chief of the International Energy Agency (IEA)

The global energy crisis took the world by surprise. World leaders initially failed to understand the effect of the Iran bombings and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

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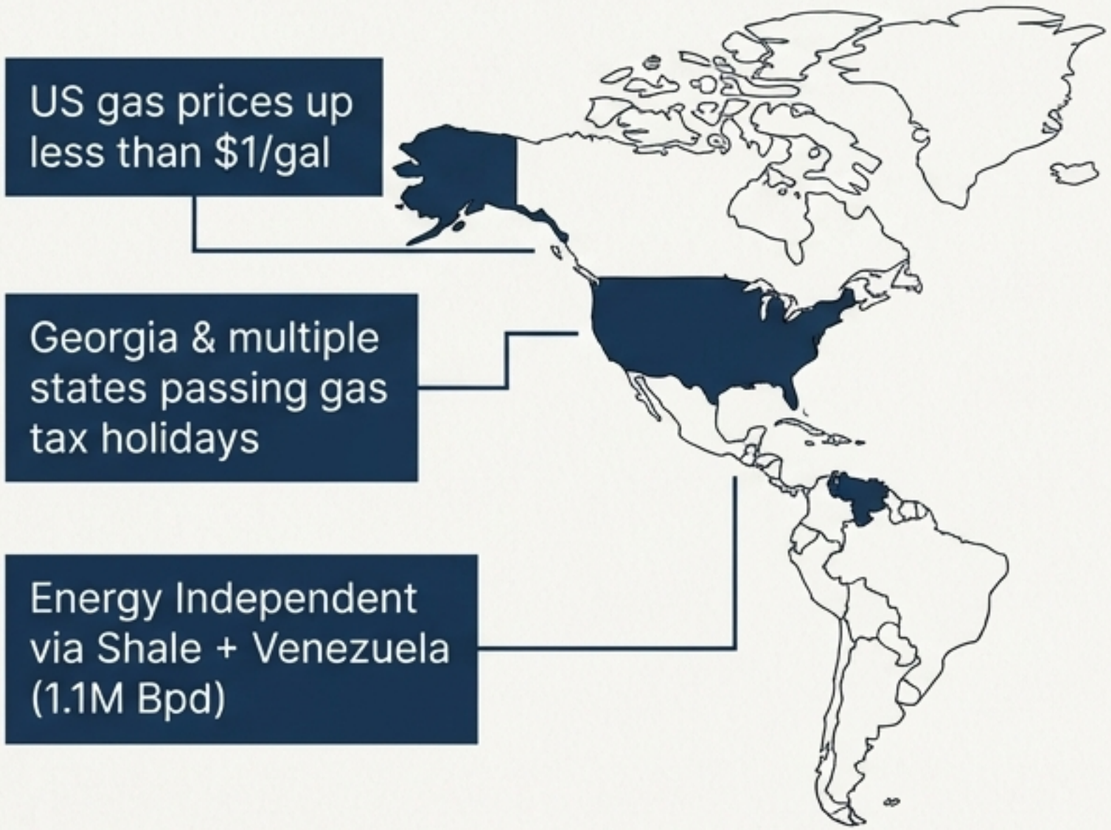
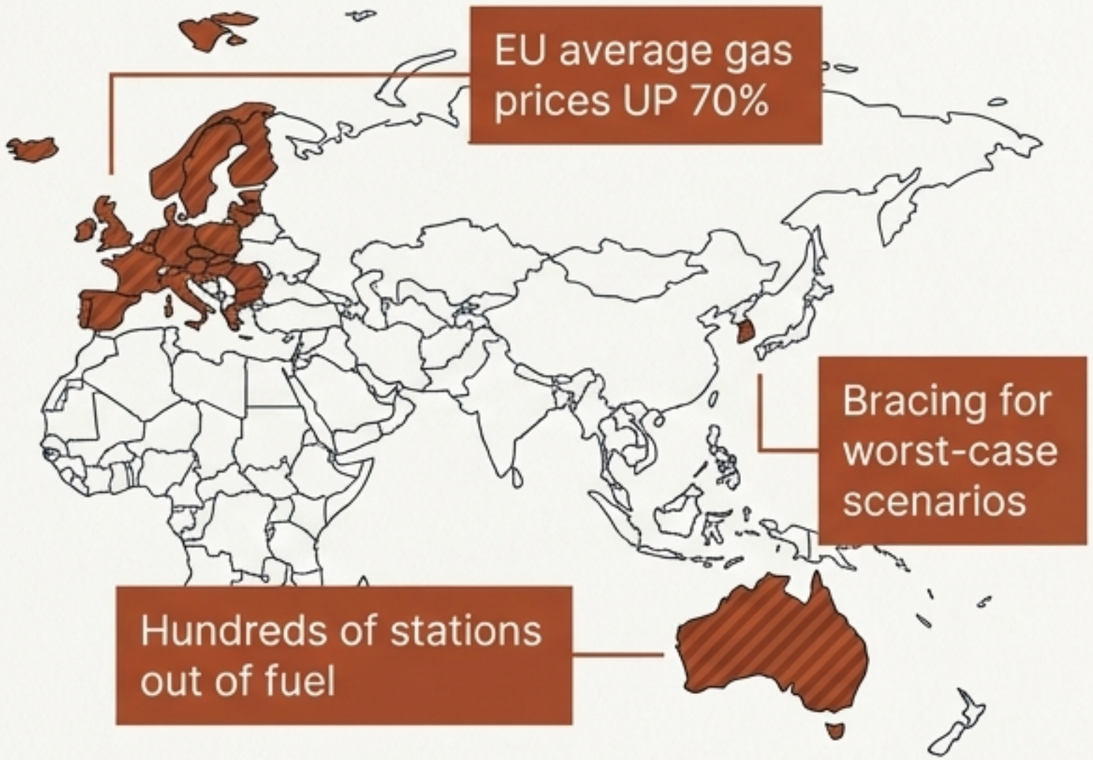
The Asymmetric Shock

THE US


US gas prices up less than $1/gal
Georgia & multiple states passing gas tax holidays
Energy Independent via Shale + Venezuela (1.1M Bpd)

THE GLOBAL IMPACT



ANOMALY DETECTED: The architect of the crisis is entirely shielded from its fallout.

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The Global Energy Positioning Matrix

	United States	Europe	China	Russia / Petrostates
Energy Independence	**100% Independent**	**Heavily Dependent**	Dependent	Independent Exporter
Supply Chain Vulnerability	Low Risk (Tiny fraction transits Hormuz)	Critical Vulnerability	High Risk	Insulated
Strategic Stockpiles	Secured	Rapidly Depleting	Massive Hoard	N/A (Producer)
Geopolitical Leverage	**Absolute Leverage**	**Negative Leverage**	Neutral / Silent	Neutral / Silent

The United States is the only global power holding maximum structural leverage while bearing zero domestic consequence.

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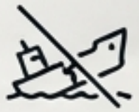
If reopening the Strait of Hormuz is the solution... why is it still closed?



The Capability Reality

Iran's naval projection is functionally destroyed, deployed to an artificial reef assignment.

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The Force Reality

The US Navy is the most powerful maritime force in human history and is already fully deployed in the region.

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The Stated Timeline

Energy Secretary Chris Wright states the Navy "may be able to start escorting ships... by the end of March."

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Reopening the Strait is not a capability problem. It is an engineered choice.

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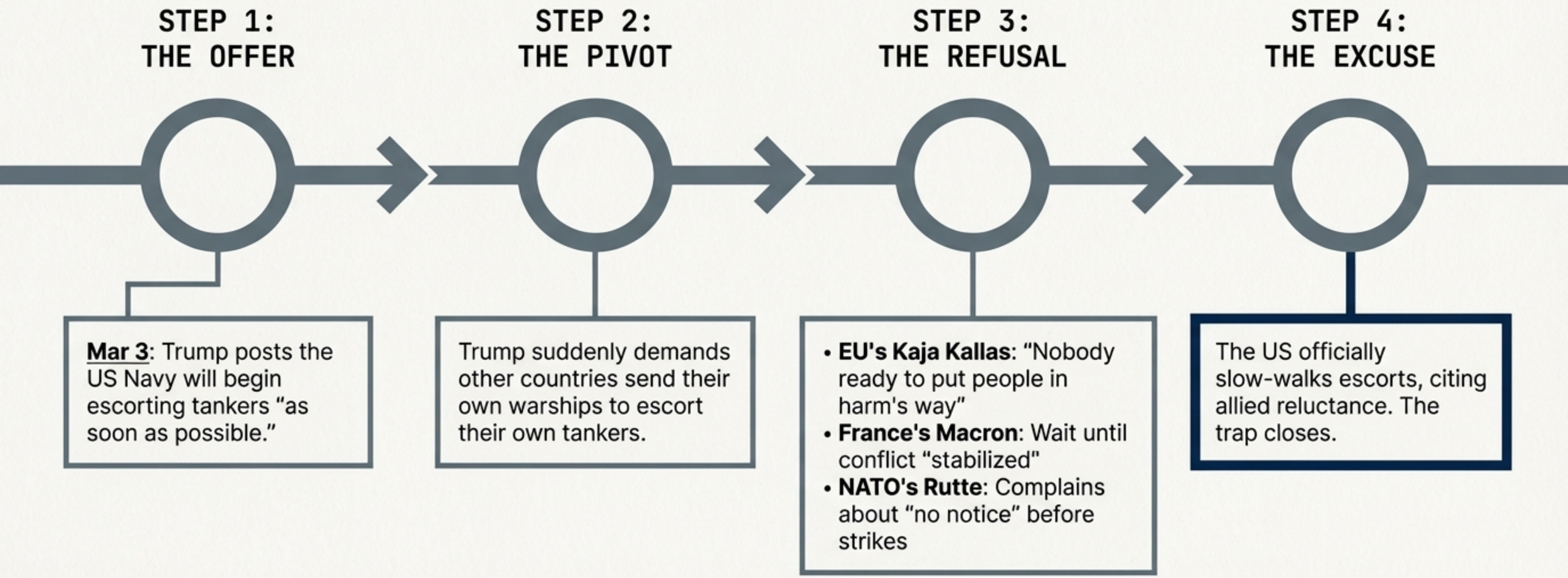
Engineering the Trap: The Hormuz Pivot


STEP 1: THE OFFER
STEP 2: THE PIVOT
STEP 3: THE REFUSAL
STEP 4: THE EXCUSE
Mar 3: Trump posts the US Navy will begin escorting tankers "as soon as possible."
Trump suddenly demands other countries send their own warships to escort their own tankers.
• EU's Kaja Kallas: "Nobody ready to put people in harm's way"
• France's Macron: Wait until conflict "stabilized"
• NATO's Rutte: Complains about "no notice" before strikes
The US officially slow-walks escorts, citing allied reluctance. The trap closes.

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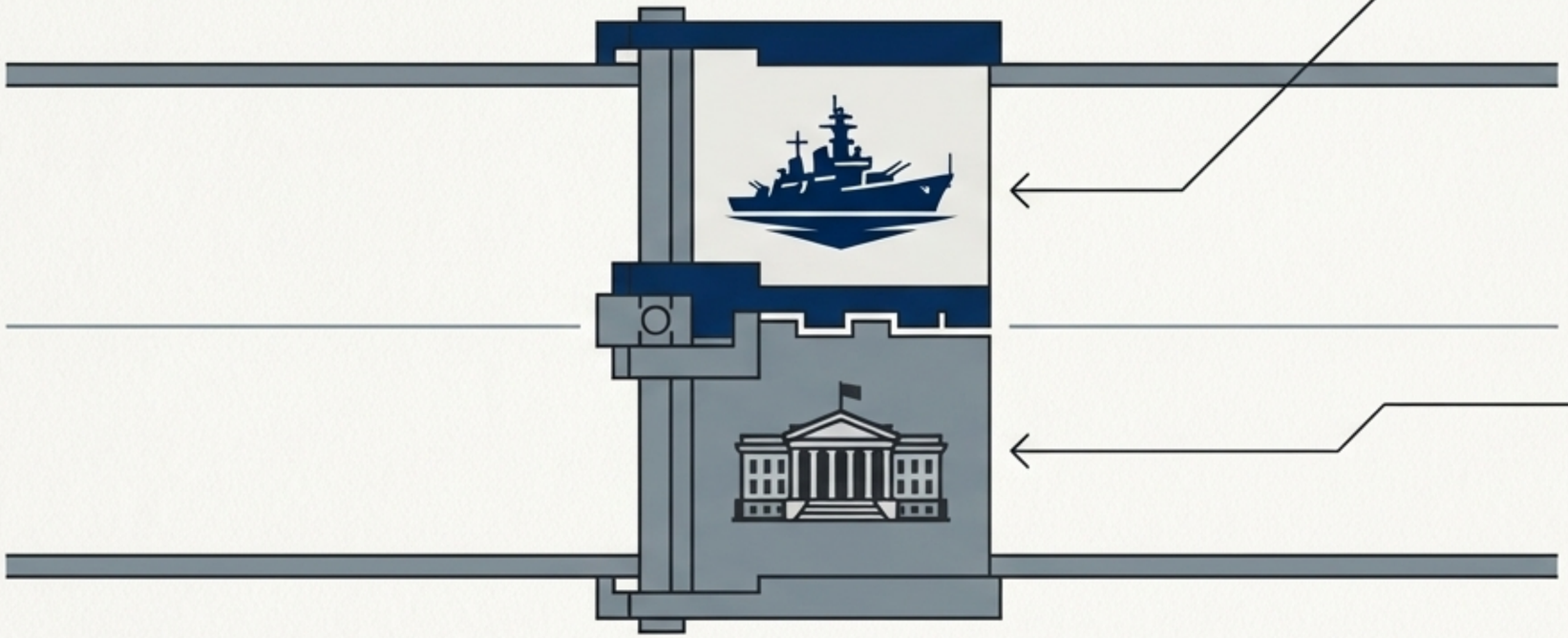
The Dual-Key Chokehold



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KEY 1: De Facto Control (Physical). US Navy Escorts.

With allies refusing to deploy, the US is the sole provider of physical passage.

KEY 2: De Jure Control (Financial). US Sovereign Insurance

Following London's exit, Treasury announces US government insurance program.

SYNTHESIS: Washington now decides who gets an escort, who gets insured, and therefore, who gets the oil.

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The Anti-NATO Permission Structure

GEOPOLITICAL VULNERABILITY INDICATOR

> **I think a tremendous mistake was when NATO just wasn't there... We would have always been there for them. But now, based on their actions? I guess we don't have to be, do we?**
>
> — President Trump

- **THE SETUP:** Europe's refusal to protect their own ships in Hormuz created the exact political justification needed.
- **THE RESULT:** The US gains the ability to threaten withdrawing hundreds of billions in protection, securing unprecedented political and economic leverage.

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Leverage is fleeting. The Intelligence Revolution is permanent.

The war with Iran will
eventually end. The oil crisis will abate.
Can Europe just wait Trump out? No.
They cannot afford to wait a single second.

THE INSIGHT: AI is not a software bubble. It is a power-consumption crisis. — Larry Fink, BlackRock

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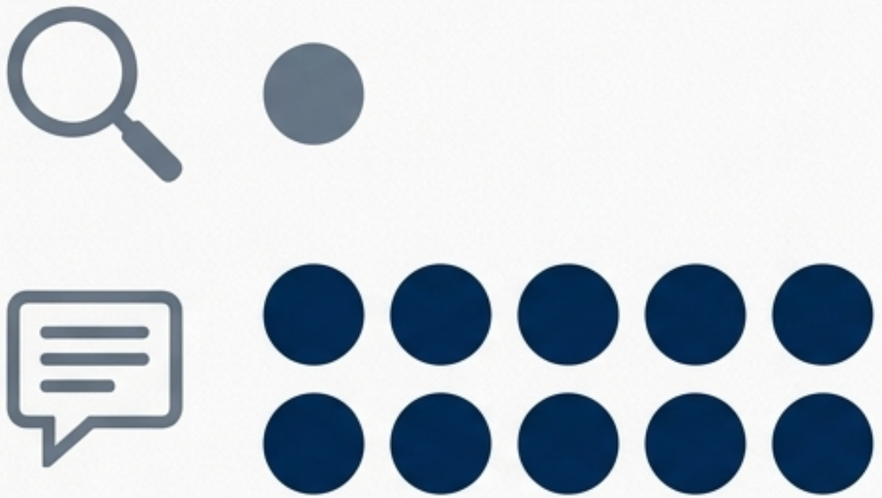
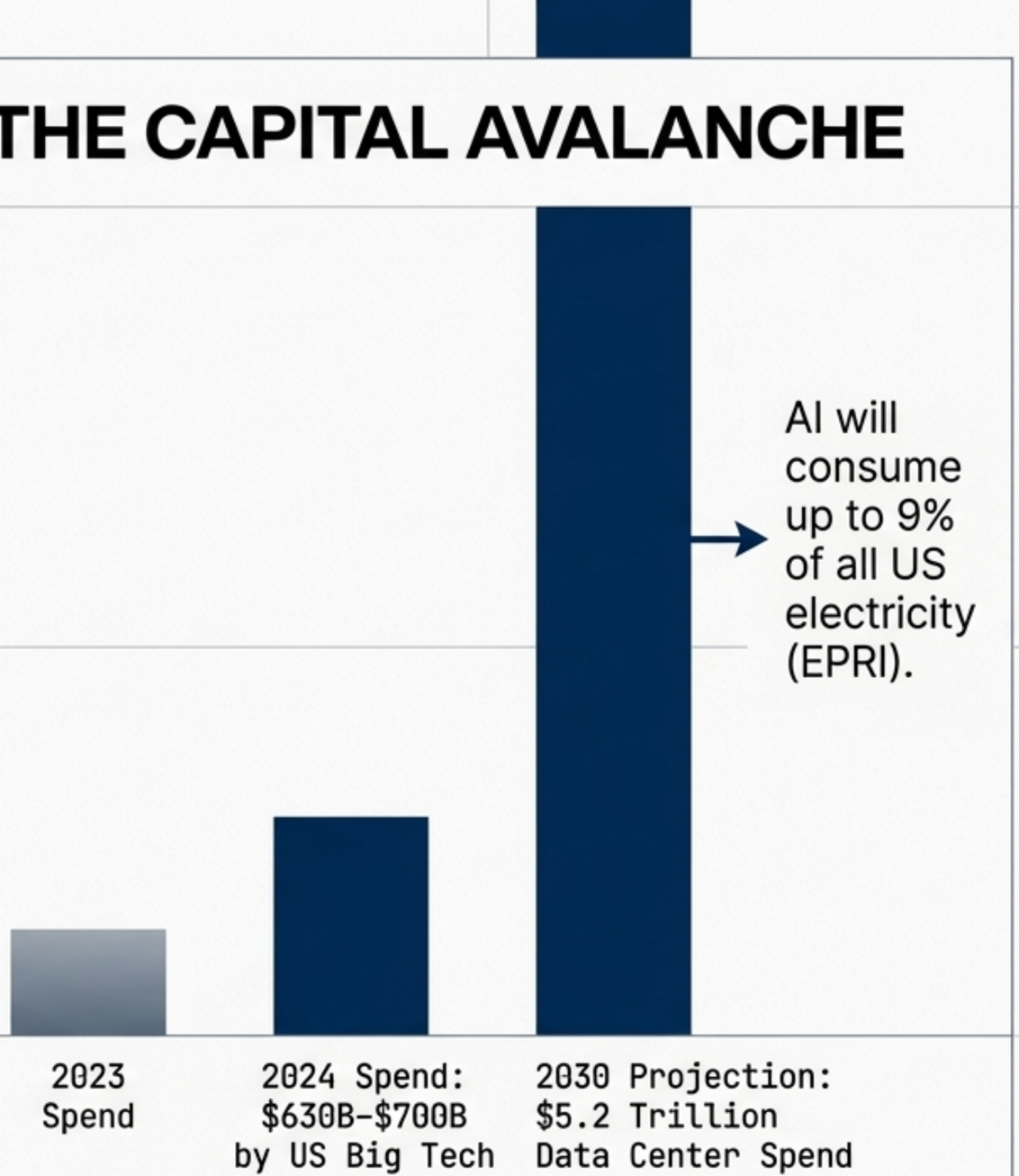
THE POWER MULTIPLIER



A single AI query uses 10x the electricity of standard search.

Current data centers already consume >1,000 terawatt-hours globally (more **than** 125M Japanese citizens).

THE CAPITAL AVALANCHE


AI will consume up to 9% of all US electricity (EPRI).
2023 Spend
2024 Spend: $630B–$700B by US Big Tech
2030 Projection: $5.2 Trillion Data Center Spend

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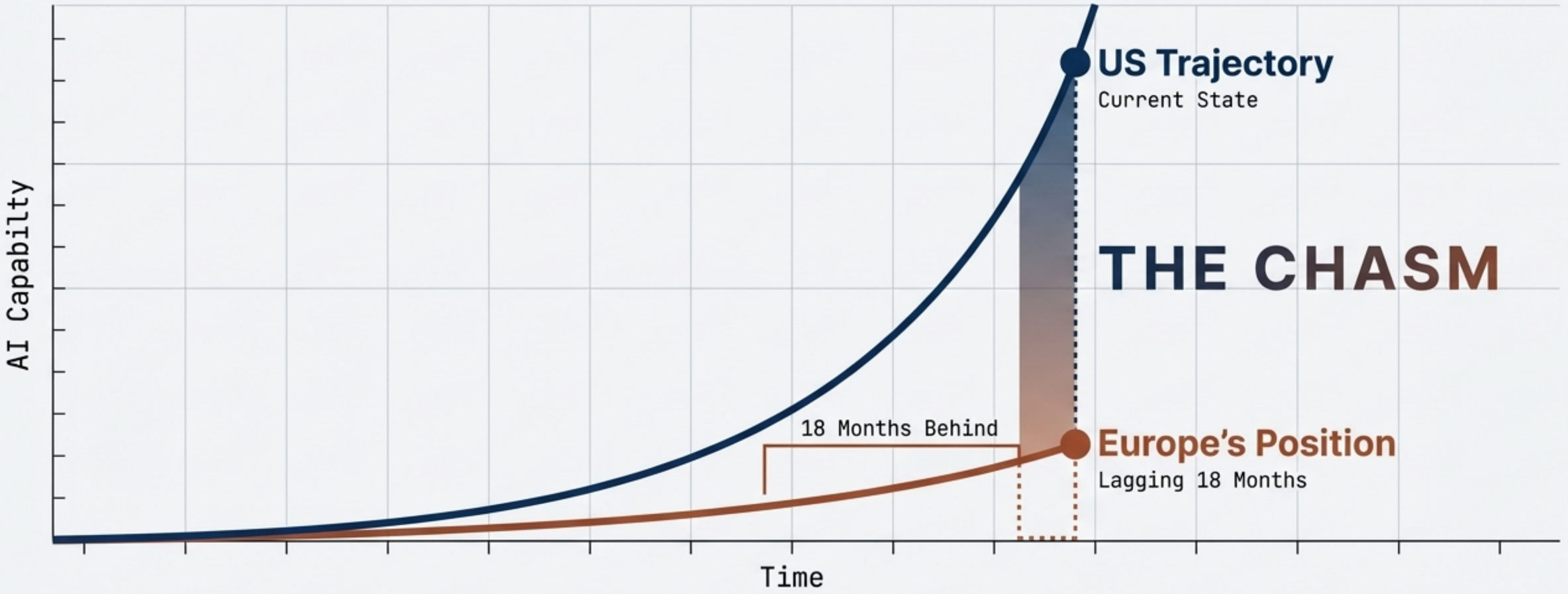
Strategic intelligence dossier

The Geometric Escape Velocity



AI compounds geometrically. Today's models design tomorrow's chips. Falling 18 months behind an exponentially accelerating target means catching up becomes mathematically impossible.

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Strategic Intelligence Dossier

The Civilizational Sorting Mechanism

The Industrial Revolution (19th Century)	The Intelligence Revolution (21st Century)
CORE FUEL: Coal & Steam	CORE FUEL:Oil & Grid Electricity
INFRASTRUCTURE: Factories & Railways	INFRASTRUCTURE: Trillion-Dollar Data Centers
THE WINNERS: Britain, Germany, US (Dominated the next 200 years)	THE WINNERS: AI Superpowers (Total economic, military, & diplomatic dominance)
THE LOSERS: Became colonies, clients, or culturally irrelevant.	THE LOSERS: Total irrelevance in a post-AI world.

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Missing the Revolutionary Bus

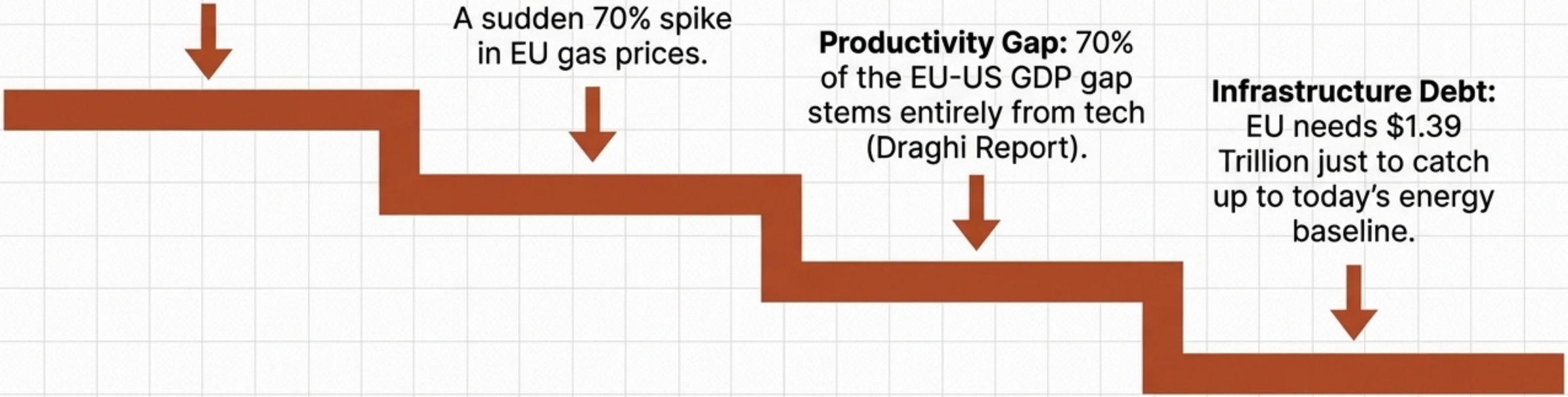
> **"Europe has more or less lost the global AI race."** — Head of the European Patent Office

Baseline Deficit: EU industrial electricity was already 2x US costs before the war.

The Shock: A sudden 70% spike in EU gas prices.

Productivity Gap: 70% of the EU-US GDP gap stems entirely from tech (Draghi Report).

Infrastructure Debt: EU needs $1.39 Trillion just to catch up to today's energy baseline.



Macron begs for sovereignty, but you cannot build data centers when you cannot keep the lights on.

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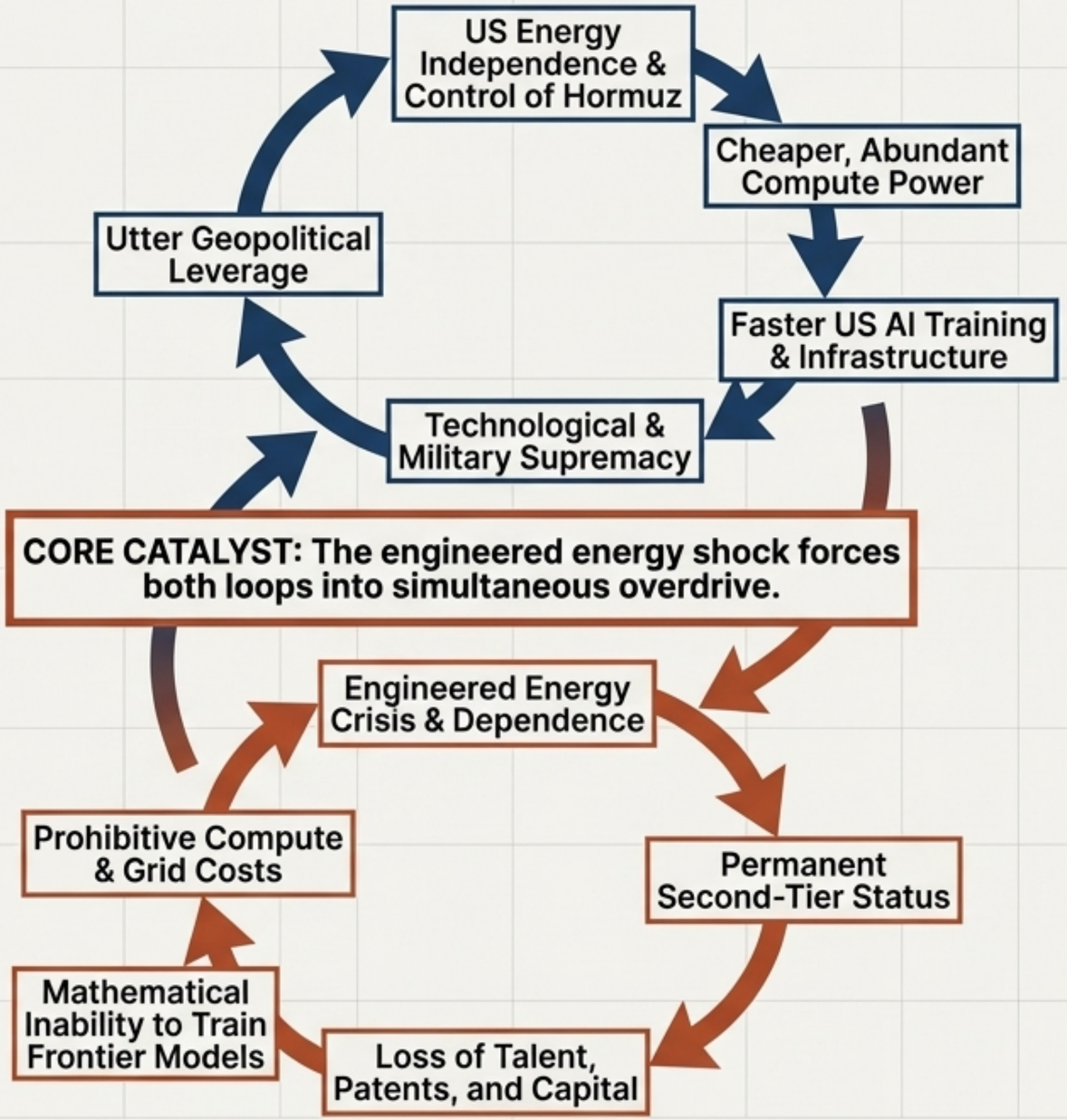
The Geopolitical Compounding Loop


US Energy Independence & Control of Hormuz
Cheaper, Abundant Compute Power
Faster US AI Training & Infrastructure
Technological & Military Supremacy
Utter Geopolitical Leverage
CORE CATALYST: The engineered energy shock forces both loops into simultaneous overdrive.
Engineered Energy Crisis & Dependence
Permanent Second-Tier Status
Loss of Talent, Patents, and Capital
Mathematical Inability to Train Frontier Models
Prohibitive Compute & Grid Costs

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The 100-Year Endgame

Trump attacked Iran. The Strait closed. The allies refused to help. The US monopolized the reopening. Now, Europe faces an insurmountable energy crisis precisely when cheap energy is the singular requirement for surviving the AI revolution.

Whether intentionally engineered by an insanely smart President, or the byproduct of an incredibly lucky one—the outcome is fixed. The global energy crisis has permanently doomed Europe to second-rate status for the next century.

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